

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 22, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-Taped Committees: This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 206, 1/22/2003; SB 200,
1/22/2003

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR SHERM ANDERSON, SD 28, presented SB 206; revision of bond released provisions for timber slash fire hazard reduction agreements.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:23pm Bud Clinch, Director, Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation

3:24pm Ellen Engstadt, Montana Wood Products

3:26pm Don Allen, Western Montana Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

SENATOR ANDERSON closed the hearing on SB 206.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78

SENATOR MC CARTHY moved SB 78 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206

SENATOR ANDERSON moved SB 206 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

3:45pm The committee stood at recess.

HEARING ON SB 200

Sponsor: **SENATOR BILL GLASER**, SD 08, Huntley

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR BILL GLASER opened on SB 200; an act providing a formula to be used for determining grazing lease rates on school trust land.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:56pm Roy Andes, representing MonTrust

Opponents' Testimony:

4:05pm **John** Bloomquist, MT. Stockgrower's Association
4:12pm Lynn Cornwell, MT. Woolgrower's Assoc.
4:22pm Steve Roth, Big Sandy rancher
4:29pm Robin Kursher, Montana Cattlemen's Assoc.
4:29pm Jim Hagenbarth, Hagenbarth Livestock
4:37pm Jay Bodner, MT. Association of State Grazing Districts
4:38pm John Bloomquist, Montana Farm Bureau (on behalf of)

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

4:38pm Bud Clinch, Director, Montana Dept. of Natural Resources

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:43pm **SEN. ELLINGSON** for **SEN. GLASER**
SEN. GLASER responded
4:49pm **SEN. BARKUS** for **Bud Clinch**
Bud Clinch responded
4:50pm **SEN. BARKUS** for **Bud Clinch**
4:51pm **SEN. Laible** for **Bud Clinch**
Bud Clinch responded
SEN. LAIBLE responded

Closing by Sponsor:

4:54pm

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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